

News briefs

Veteran’s Day ceremony

The 52nd Fighter Wing Veteran’s Day ceremony takes place today at 11:08 a.m. at the base flagpole in front of wing headquarters, building 23.

Holiday closure

The Spangdahlem Air Base commissary is closed Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11. The Bitburg Annex commissary is open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Community Bank

The Spangdahlem Air Base Community Bank delays opening Nov. 13 to noon due to training. The Bitburg Annex Community Bank delays opening Nov. 14 to noon, also due to training.

Community Banks will observe monthly training in the mornings on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month, alternately. The other banking center will be open to take care of transactions for customer in the event the Automated Teller Machines cannot provide the service needed at that time.

Dental clinic closure

The Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex dental clinics close today at 11:30 a.m. for an official function. For dental emergencies, visit the Bitburg emergency room or call 452-3456.

Holiday mailing deadlines

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron officials recently announced the dates to mail packages to ensure they reach the United States in time for the holidays.

To ensure a Christmas delivery, mail packages and letters no later than the following dates:

- Parcel airlift -- Dec. 4
- Priority parcels -- Dec. 11
- First-class letters -- Dec. 11
- Express mail -- Dec. 18

Additionally, volunteers are needed at the Eifel post office through the holiday season.

For more information on mailing guidelines or to volunteer, call the Spangdahlem Air Base post office at 452-6038 or the Bitburg Annex post office at 452-9406.

New housing office hours

Effective Nov. 18, housing office customer service will open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Starting Dec. 1, the housing office closes for German holidays. Call the office at 452-6036 for details.

Quarterly Assignment Listing available

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments for July-September 2003 cycle is available at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/enlisted>.

Members should work through the military personnel flight to update their preferences by Nov. 21. Airmen will be notified of their selection by Dec. 9.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Specialty Code and rank. Members

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Fixing up the fuel

Senior Airman Jerome Stevenson, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron liquid fuels maintenance, adjusts the rate of flow valve on one of the base’s fuel systems. The shop maintains hot-pit refueling systems, which allow aircraft to be refueled without shutting down the engines.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Air Force selects newest chiefs
Seven Team Eifel E-9s
learn of promotion

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force recently selected 561 senior master sergeants for promotion to the service’s highest enlisted rank as part of the 02E9 promotion board. The seven selected from Team Eifel are:

- Senior Master Sgt. Roger Schwenneker, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Todd Barnes, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Blake, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Michael Dortch, Mark Parrish and John Roberto, NATO AWACS, Geilenkirchen; and
- Senior Master Sgt. Coleman Schupp, Kalkar, Germany.

The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center’s Web page Tuesday.

“This has been another very positive year for promotion to chief,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief at AFPC. “These

(noncommissioned officers) now join a select group entitled to lead wearing chief master sergeant chevrons on their sleeves.”

The board, which considered 2,815 senior master sergeants, selected 19.93 percent — 6.93 percent above the minimum promotion rate objective of 13 percent.

Team Eifel’s seven selections out of 57 eligible makes a 12 percent selection rate. Last year’s selection rate to chief master sergeant was 22.06 percent.

The average score for those selected was 658.28, with an average time in grade and time in service of 3.54 and 22.14 years, respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages:

- 135 for enlisted performance reports;
- 28.24 for time in grade;
- 22.98 for time in service;
- 23.37 for decorations;
- 69.25 for U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination; and
- 379.44 for board score.

The Chief Master Sergeant Evaluation Board convened Oct. 15 to 25 to evaluate individual records of senior master sergeants eligible for promotion. (Air Force Print News)

AFN Eifel helps Spangdahlem ‘reach for the stars’ with contest

By Tech. Sgt. Sandra Brown
AFN Eifel

Everyone has heard reports of big-name movie and music stars entertaining the troops in deployed locations and perhaps even thought, “That’s great for them, but what about those of us working hard at home station supporting those missions?”

Well, those wishes have been answered with this year’s Operation Season’s Greetings holiday concert.

Spangdahlem Air Base is the first stop on a tour, which features Grammy-nominated band Restless Heart, country newcomer Jamie O’Neal, and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Force Reserve bands.

Watching the free show from the stands of the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. is a great reward for Team Eifel, but thanks to the generosity of the artists, a lucky few will get even closer.

Beginning Tuesday and running through

Nov. 18, AFN Eifel will give away five backstage passes for the Operation Season’s Greetings concert sometime during the Eifel Wakeup and The 105 Drive radio shows on 105.1 FM. Just be the first caller at 452-1051 when a smash hit from Restless Heart or Jamie O’Neal is played, then pick up your backstage pass for a personalized autograph session before the show.

For those E-1s to E-4s not fast enough dialing the phone, there’s also one more chance to

bask in celebrity.

The Community Activities Center and Stein Reiter restaurant in Metterich will help one lucky airman and a guest join the Operation Season’s Greetings stars for dinner. Stop by the CAC front desk and fill out a registration form. Then tune to Eifel 105.1 Nov. 18 between 6-9 a.m. to find out the winner of

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Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Fifteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, one of which was major.

The first major accident was on L-60 between Grosslittgen and Schaldt. An airman reported he had collided with an embankment after swerving his vehicle to avoid hitting a wild animal. There were no injuries. Vehicle damage consisted of a cracked windshield, crushed driver side roof, dented driver side hood, and minor dents and scratches on the exterior of the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The 14 minor accidents involved:

- Six from inattentive driving.
- Four while backing.
- Two animal strikes.
- Two identified as the fault of another.

In addition, 20 citations were issued.

Safety information

Since roadways in the Eifel region can be particularly wet, the following tips should be

reviewed, practiced and put to memory before driving a motor vehicle. These reminders are not only tips; they are based on real situations others have experienced. Don't repeat history and make the same costly mistakes as others. Drive to survive.

■Always remember that the stopping ability of any vehicle is reduced on slick pavement. Whenever driving on wet road surfaces, reduce speed accordingly and allow at least 50 percent more following distance behind the car in front.

■Always maintain smooth, even acceleration while traveling on slick pavement. Sudden braking can cause loss of vehicle control. Taking the foot off the accelerator quickly can have the same effect as sudden braking.

■Hydroplaning happens when standing water on a road surface is deeper than the tread depth of the tires, causing the tires to lose contact with the road. If this happens, do not apply the brakes. Ease back on the accelerator until contact between the tires and the road surface is restored. Hard braking can cause the loss of vehicle control.

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are instructed to review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.

JAG law school program opens

Applications for the fiscal year 2003 Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2003. Interested officers are encouraged to compete.

The FLEP program is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force officers. Officers successfully completing FLEP and ELP are eligible to be designated as a judge advocate. To be eligible for FLEP, applicants must have served no less than two years, and no more than six years active-duty service (enlisted or commissioned) prior to entry into law school. FLEP applicants must also be in the pay grade of 0-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

The ELP program is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. Eligibility for ELP requires the applicant to have served no less than two years, and no more than 10 years of active-duty service prior to entering law school. Additionally, ELP applicants must be in the pay grade of 0-3 (with less than three years in grade) or below as of the first day of law school.

Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Candidates are eligible for designation as a judge advocate upon graduation and admission to one of the 50 state bars.

Candidates are selected on the "whole per-

son concept." The selection process for FLEP/ELP is very competitive. During FY 01, the average selectee's law school admissions test score was in the 74th percentile. The average undergraduate grade point average was 3.14. The FLEP selection rate was 28 percent, while the overall FLEP/ELP selection rate during FY 02 was 48 percent.

To be considered for FLEP/ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms, applied to an ABA accredited law school, received their LSAT results, and completed a staff judge advocate interview by March 1, 2003. Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, Chapters 2 and 3, discusses FLEP and ELP.

For more information or to request an application, contact Lt. Col. Tom Jaster, base judge advocate, at DSN: 452-6796 or send an e-mail to thomas.jaster@spangdahlem.af.mil or visit the website at www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil. (Courtesy of the 52nd Fighter Wing legal office.)

AFSA elections

Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1681 annual elections meeting takes place Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Spang Club. Association members who would like to serve on the local chapter's executive council for the upcoming year should submit their name. Light snacks and beverages will be available at 11:15 a.m.

Commissary information

Visit www.commissaries.com for information on Defense Commissary Agency sales, coupons, gift certificates, food facts and to fill out the annual customer survey.

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the Operation Season's Greetings dinner guest.

The CAC's Jake Jacobs says, "This is one way for 52nd Services to give back to Team Eifel by letting someone get up close and personal with a celebrity."

Dave Ballengee, tour producer, adds, "OSG is also unique in showcasing the talents of our own Air Force entertainers. It often comes as a surprise to the audience just how great our

own band members are when they have a chance to step away from the standard ceremonial, protocol and concert venues! The show is on par with any high-dollar concert back home in the states. With a half-million dollars in sound and lighting equipment the show really rocks. We like to leave room down front for the youngsters to sit on the floor or for an impromptu country line dance."

Entertainers on past OSG tours include Jay Leno, The Miracles, Kevin Eubanks, Broadway star and recording artist

Gary Morris, singer/actress Lari White and country western entertainers, Ricochet.

The United Services Organization and Armed Forces Entertainment sponsor the tour in conjunction with USAFE Services. This year's group will make seven stops during their two-week travels including concerts in Baumholder and Ramstein Air Base and the United Kingdom.

Here in the Eifel, the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Eifel Elite

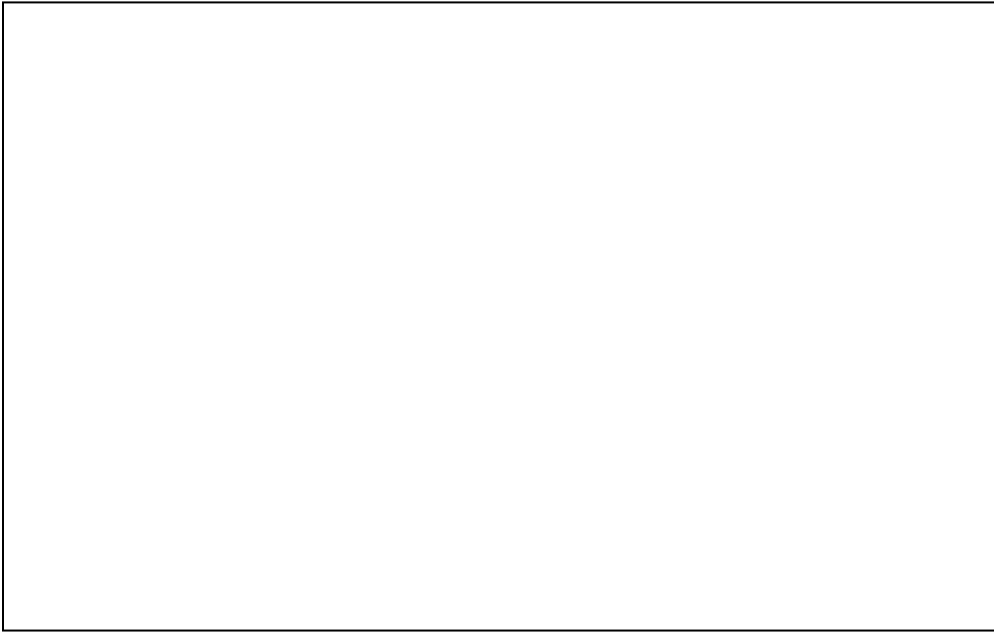


Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

Staff Sgt. Christine Arbelli-Smith, 52nd Dental Squadron, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Christine Arbelli-Smith
Unit: 52nd Medical Group Dental Squadron data systems NCOIC
Hometown: Hudson, Ma.
Time in service: Almost 14 years
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: "Staff Sgt. Arbelli-Smith helped improve the process for one-day SMART appointments and helped bring the dental class-four rate under four percent. She was responsible for ensuring more than 300 active-duty Air Force personnel were cleared for processing during each Phase I exercise."
Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Morale committee volunteer for the squadron picnic. Donated baked goods to the clinic bake sale. I would like learn how to speak German.
What do you do for fun? Spend as much time with my family as possible.
What's a fun thing you've done lately? I went to Six Flags amusement park with my family and friends.
What do you like most about being stationed here? Learning about German culture. My mother is German and I would like to learn more about her customs and traditions. I also enjoy traveling to new and exciting places.
What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? The morale is very low at this base. I would like to see the morale improve and for the base to have a more unified community.



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

The members of the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Family Practice Clinic is this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Family Practice Clinic
Unit responsibilities: Provides outpatient medical care and population health initiatives for over 14,000 active-duty members, dependents and eligible beneficiaries. Provides medical oversight for the wing personnel reliability program and independent medical technicians at three geographically separated units.
Number of members: 36
Teams latest contribution to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: The family practice clinic recently completed the monumental task of realigning patients by squadron, empanelling individual squadrons to a specific primary care manager team and physically moving more than 6,000 medical records. The result will be improved communication between squadrons and their PCM and a stronger family care approach. During recent operational readiness inspection, the family practice team stepped it up and performed a 100 percent medical records review and update, and surged to accomplish 250 preventive health assessments within a three-day period. This contributed to the wing "greening" up and moved Spangdahlem Air Base to No. 1 in U.S. Air Forces in Europe on individual medical readiness statistics.
Team's other contributions throughout the year: The clinic reorganized under primary care optimization into three teams (red, white and blue) and implemented numerous optimization processes including nurse managed clinics and a nurse triage line. During a USAFE staff assistant's visit in April, they were classified as "Best in USAFE" for "cutting edge" practices.

Wing electronics wizards work magic to turn repair costs into QOL gains

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technicians are the electronics repair wizards of the 52nd Fighter Wing, giving new life to parts and items which would normally be "trashed." The four-person team, formerly known as Gold Flag, willingly works its magic on all sorts of repair challenges from aircraft parts to office equipment. Even the explosive ordnance disposal robot comes in almost quarterly for repairs and a tune up, according to Tech. Sgt. Rich Chang, program assistant manager.

Repairing equipment, rather than purchasing new parts, rakes in wing savings, which means quality-of-life gains for squadrons and the Eifel military community, said Master Sgt. Charles Faull, program manager. Through 2002, AFREP saved the wing \$400,000 in estimated parts replacement costs and another \$1 million in cost avoidance, by repairing items in house.

The 52nd Maintenance Group commander allocated the \$400,000 in wing savings to purchase computers and microwave ovens for the wing geographically separated units; office equipment, furnishings, hats and patches for the wing's restructured squadrons; and military housing area playground equipment.

The AFREP team saves the wing money by doing in-house repairs on items coded for off-base repair or destruction. Shop

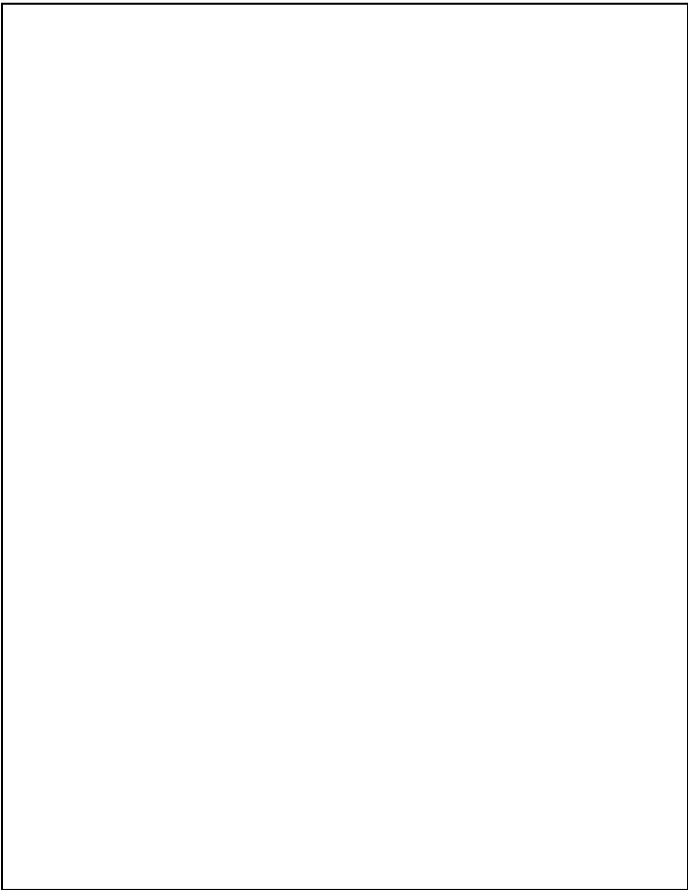
technicians acquire the broken items from wing members who bring them in or they find them tagged in the supply system.

Items repaired by the team vary widely, but most are electronic, which is the shop's specialty, said Staff Sgt. Chris Barti, program technician. This year's list of repair successes include a variety of aircraft parts, including exterior lighting power systems, office printers, shredders, and a sheet metal repair shop lathe and sheer, just to name a few. Additionally, Tech. Sgt. Roland Appleby, program test, measurement and diagnostic equipment central collection point manager, transports equipment twice weekly to and from Ramstein Air Base for calibration.

"We're a catch-all shop - if other shops can't fix an item, we'll take it on," said Chang. "If we can't fix it, no loss, but if we can, we'll save."

In addition to saving parts replacement costs, flightline shops also reap savings in time. When AFREP technicians repair a part in days, it saves maintenance the time it would take in ordering the part through supply and in delivery, which can take weeks or longer, said Faull.

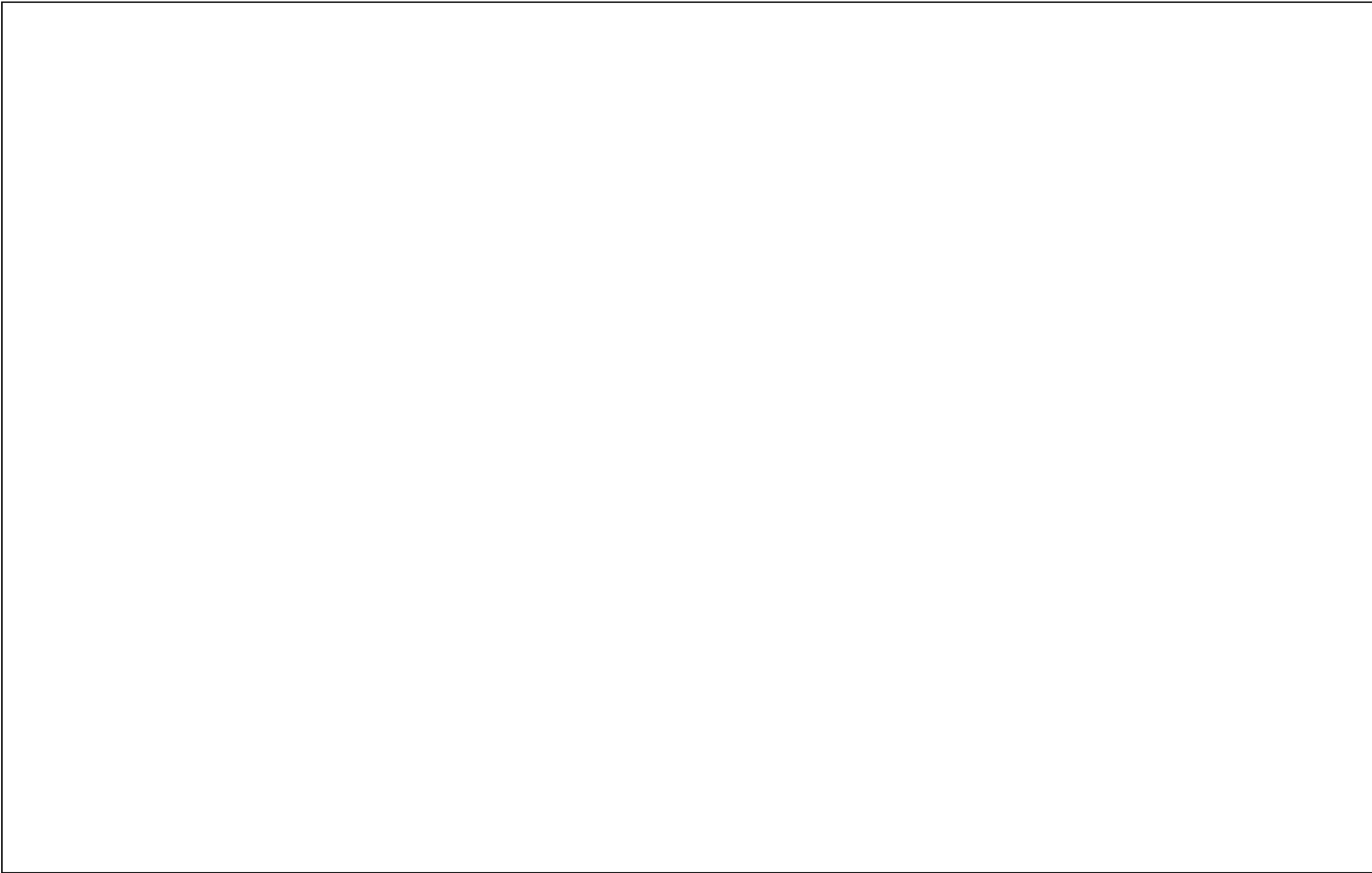
Some repair jobs are more challenging than others and require AFREP technicians to develop new ways to repair old parts, said Chang.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Tech. Sgt. Rich Chang, Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technician, shows how much easier miniature and microminiature repairs are done using a special microscope rigged to a television for better visuals. AFREP technicians will attempt to repair just about anything electronic, including circuit boards, said Chang.

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Three “witches” scheme in their “forest” at the 52nd Communications and Civil Engineer Squadron-sponsored haunted house. More than 1,200 people went through during its three-day “open house.” The squadrons hope to continue their partnership in hosting the haunted house each year. Several people said it was the best haunted house they’d seen.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Haunted house a ghostly success

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

People were still at least 15 minutes away from entering the haunted house, hosted by the 52nd Communications and Civil Engineer Squadrons, and they were screaming already.

Just standing in the dark outside the two buildings was spooky enough for some who decided against entering.

But, for the more than 1,200 people who entered, it was a huge hit, according to Tech. Sgt. Rozzi Messina, 52nd CES.

“I was really impressed with the creativity of each room,” said Staff Sgt. Melanie Lehman, 52nd Fighter Wing protocol. “It was a constant scare -- nothing was boring. It was definitely the best haunted house I’ve been to.”

About 50 volunteers helped make the haunted house a

success -- to the tune of more than \$3,000 profit, said Tech. Sgt. Harold Ayers, 52nd CS. When the 52nd CS raised the idea of a haunted house, the civil engineers offered the use of the buildings.

Scenarios included an autopsy room, an insane asylum and a witches forest with zombies. Each room was individually created by different groups of people. One of Lehman’s favorite rooms was one that, at first, didn’t appear to be so scary -- the Pennywise Killer Clown Room.

“The room with the white sheets with polka dots seemed so calm. But, as you walked through the maze of sheets, guys kept jumping out. I liked that one a lot.”

Ayers said he’s happy their first haunted house was such a success. “The best part was watching people ‘wet themselves’ and the camaraderie of the two squadrons.”



Left: One haunted house visitor gets a spooky welcome and realizes she shouldn’t have visited the house alone.

Above: Thankfully, for the visitors above, the crazy man was chained to the wall.

Community Mailbox

School survey

Eifel students, parents and teachers are asked to respond to a survey about the Department of Defense Dependents Schools now through Dec. 13. The survey is accessible at www.odedodea.edu.

Survey results will allow schools, districts and areas to make improvements in the educational services provided to DOD students.

The surveys are brief and should take less than 20 minutes to complete. The DOD schools will administer the surveys using the Internet. Parents who do not have access to the Internet will have other alternatives, such as scheduling a time at their child's school to complete the survey using the school's computers or requesting a paper copy from the school to complete and return to the school so that it can be mailed to Arlington, Va.

Parents are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DOD school in grades pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. Students in grades 4-12 will be asked to complete the survey in the computer lab during one of their classes. All certified teachers and education support staff will also be completing the survey.

Once all surveys are completed, the results will be tabulated and reported to the DOD schools and communities. The survey is based on the "PHI Delta Kappan/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitude Toward Schools" so that a national comparison can be made between the DOD schools and public schools in the United States. Besides having a national comparison, the results will also help school staff identify areas for improvement.

Spouse's meeting

The 52nd Communications Squadron spouses meet Thursday at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex family support center.

People are invited to bring a friend and a favorite dessert and its recipe.

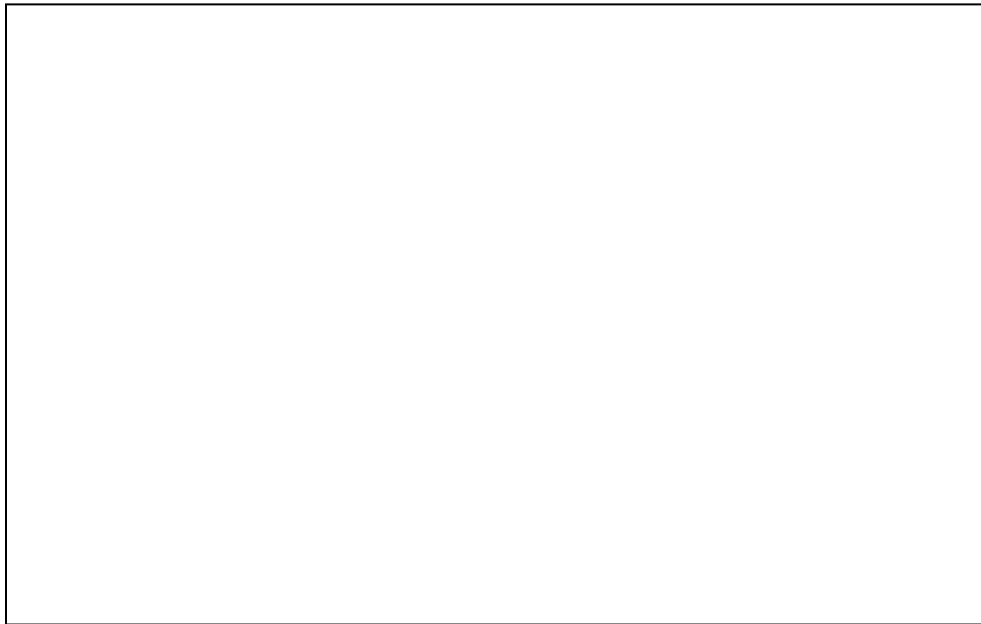
For more information, call Patty Hutson at 06553-900331

Airman Leadership open house

An open house at the Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School takes place from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday at Bitburg Annex building 2002. People will be able to tour the facility, talk to the instructors and see what ALS students go through during class.

CCAF graduation

The Fall 2002 Community College of the Air Force graduation takes place Thursday at 2 p.m.



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In the kitchen with ...

Staff Sgt. Jason Herman, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, healthy cooking techniques at the Health and Wellness Center during the center's open house Tuesday. Herman teaches the differences between healthy fat and bad fat, plus many other nutritious cooking tips. For more information or to make an appointment for a class in healthy cooking, call the HAWC at 452-4295.

in the Saber Club ballroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, call 452-6063.

Holiday bazaar news

The Eifel Holiday Bazaar 2002 takes place Nov. 15 from noon to 8 p.m., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hangars 1 and 2.

The event, sponsored by the 52nd Services Squadron, features more than 130 vendors from all over Europe. Proceeds benefit the Eifel military community. Strollers aren't allowed.

Event organizers seek volunteers to help in various capacities. For more information, or to volunteer, call Kelli Owens at 06571-147977.

La Leche League

The La Leche League meets Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Meetings, which take place the third Wednesday of each month, are open to mothers who are interested in, or are currently breastfeeding. Nurslings and children are welcome. For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555.

Scrapbooking

People who enjoy creating scrapbooks are encouraged to attend a "scrapbooking bee" Nov. 16 from 4-10 p.m. in the Bitburg Elementary School cafeteria. Participants should bring their supplies and snacks. Call 06561-941951 for details.

Library news

Children's storytime, each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library. Call 452-9056 for details.

Reading group, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Library. Meet with others the last Tuesday of each month who are reading featured books. October's book is "Nothing is Impossible: Reflections on a New Life," by Christopher Reeve. Call 452-9056 for more information.

Pet care news

The Pet Spa is located in Oberweiss building 1044. Call 452-9362 for details or to register.

PCSing pets must have a health certificate signed by a veterinarian and dated no more than 10 days before travel. Also, all shots must be current.

Transportation to the Pet Spa kennels takes place each Wednesday. Registration deadline is (close of business) Tuesday. The bus departs Spangdahlem Air Base lodging at 5:15 p.m. and Bitburg Annex lodging at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family.

Developmental screening

Infant and toddler developmental screenings take place each first, third and fifth Monday monthly from 9-11 a.m. in the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services clinic. The clinic is in Spangdahlem Air Base building 161.

EDIS also offers screenings each second and fourth Monday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 452-8238 for more information.

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meet the first and third Monday monthly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. For details, call the chapel at 452-6711 or 0656561-6711 or send an e-mail to spangmops@yahoo.com.

Girl Scouts

Girls Scouts offers girls in kindergarten through grade 12 the opportunity to learn various skills and do activities with youth in their same age group. Call Kannetha Clem at 06575-903627 for details. Local groups also seek volunteers. Call Karen Topolsky at 06561-947769 for more information.

Travel information

The "Panther Paws 2001-2002" travel guide is available at the Spangdahlem Air Base BXtra, the Bitburg Annex exchange and at Heidelberg BookMarks for \$10. The guide provides restaurant, hotel and activity information by 81st Fighter Squadron spouses.

CDC news

Give Parents a Break takes place Nov. 15 at the Spangdahlem Air Base Child Development Center and Dec. 13 at the Bitburg Annex Child Development Center. Both dates are open 6:30-11:30 p.m. Call 452-6697 or 452-9212 for more information.

The Spangdahlem Air Base Child Development Center now has a program for children 3-years-old who have not yet been potty trained. This program provides transition for children who have outgrown the toddler room and will still benefit from the smaller group side, while completing potty training. For more information, call 452-6697.

The Bitburg Annex Child Development Center now offers a part-day class program for children 2 years old. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:45-11:15 a.m. in building 2002. Children do not have to be potty-trained. For details, call 452-9212.

Extended duty child care

The waiver of the parent co-payment for extended duty family childcare is extended through Dec. 29. That means the program is free for parents who require childcare during extended duty hours. Call Connie Wilson at 452-9022 or 452-9274 for more information.

Extended PCS Care

The Air Force Aid Society has expanded the Child Care for PCS program to all ranks and extended the time period from 30 days to 60 days. People departing and arriving now have an additional 30 days to use the program to help alleviate some of the stress involved in PCSing. For more information, call 452-9022.

VAT/UTAP office

The Value Added Tax and Utility Tax Avoidance Program office is in the Eifel Arms Inn. Hours of operation are: weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; at the front desk weekdays, 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and 24 hours on weekends. Only checks or money orders will be accepted for payment. UTAP appointments take precedence over VAT walk-ins. For details, call 452-7801.

Der Markt

Advertisement policy

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, by close of business Wednesday, **10 days prior to publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

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Holiday messages

SECAF, CSAF send Veteran's Day message

WASHINGTON — The following is a joint message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"Some 84 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was announced that silenced the guns of what was known through- out the world as the Great War.

"A war-weary American private described his unit's observance in a letter home: 'We stood up and didn't say a word. It felt as if I had dropped my pack after a long hike and straightened out my back, I was twice as light as any bird. But all we did was stand and stare and stare. I stood up and stared and never said a word.'

"Sadly, World War I was not the war to end all

wars, and the Armistice Day of that era is known as Veterans Day, in salute of all those who have served, fought and died for their country in the years since.

"On Veterans Day we pause to reflect on those who, like that young private, have given so much to our nation. Through sacrifice, dedication, and courage they gave each of us the gift of freedom.

"It is also a time to recognize the men and women who continue to serve in America's armed forces today around the world. Men and women who are standing watch on foreign soil, bringing food and medical supplies to people in distress, serving as peacekeepers in strife-filled areas of the world, or fighting our war on terrorism. If history has taught us anything, it is that Americans will bear any hardship, overcome any obstacle and conquer any

foe in their pursuit of liberty and justice -- for them- selves, their children, their countrymen, and for those whose faces they'll never see.

"Today we are a different nation -- challenged, yet stronger; less sheltered, yet more courageous; more appreciative of life; and, for those who serve our country, even more willing to risk our life for a greater cause.

"To all who have worn our nation's uniform -- America is better for your service. Words fail to adequately express your contribution to our nation. To each of you, our military men and women who we honor today - whose dedication and loyalty are the strength of our military and exemplify the spirit, courage and patriotism that makes America great -- we proudly salute you." (Air Force Print News)

Commander's perspective

Commander shares some keys to success

By Col. James Glaess
52nd Dental Squadron commander

Of course, everyone has different ideas on what it takes to be successful in life. Over the years, I have learned a few of life's lessons on success -- some the hard way -- that I would like to share with you. If they work for you, great, please use them. If not, I encourage you to find your very own formula for success. Many of my keys to success have a saying that goes with them. So, here is a partial list:

■Quote from famous person: "You know, I am a very lucky person, and the harder I work, the luckier I get."

I also consider myself lucky and fortunate. It's true, if you work hard and do the "behind the scenes" foot- work, you too will be lucky, successful and your day-to-day life will be easier

and more satisfying. Success breeds success.

■Quote from unknown source: "The only way to ensure you are never late, is to be early."

In the first several months at my first assignment, I came into work five or 10 minutes late on three occasions. After the third time, my supervisor chewed me out pretty sternly. At that point, I vowed to always be early. Being early helps to ensure you are prepared for the day. It also means even if you are delayed or running a little late, you are still on time. Being early also means you are not rushed, which helps you relax throughout the day. So, set your watch 10 minutes ahead or whatever you need to do to be early for work, meetings or appoint- ments.

■And another quote: "Ability is what you are capable of doing, moti- vation determines what you do, and attitude determines how well you do it."

Certainly ability, motivation and attitude are all important. Of the three, I strongly believe attitude to be the most important. A positive, can-do attitude will guide everyone on the road to success.

■Speaking of positive attitude and your outlook on life: "There is no danger in developing eye strain from looking at the bright side of things."

No, I did not get this quote from our optometrist or Col. Mueller. You do, however, have a choice on how you view this world on a day-to-day basis. Those who see life in a positive

way tend to be more fun to be around, happier and more successful.

■And finally: "Good leaders have high standards, good followers do too!"

To me it is obvious - good leaders must have high standards or they should not be in a leadership position. However, before you can be a good leader, you must be a good follower. Good leaders do not suddenly develop out of bad followers. High standards lead to organizational pride, mission accomplishment and improved unit esprit de corps.

I'm proud to be here at the 52nd Fighter Wing. It's a terrific team. And with a positive attitude, we are only going to get better and better with time.

Lessons learned

my reflexes were slow, and I just went with the flow. My blood alcohol content was .20, which was more than two times the legal limit.

After the accident I started really thinking. Not just about my career, but how my actions affected my family and could have affected the families of others. I couldn't stop asking myself, "Why was I so irresponsible?"

Right now I'm just trying to get my life back together and be the father, husband, and the kind of airman that I should be.

I will say that drinking and driving is very seri- ous. Before you drink and drive, try to think, I mean really think, about yourself, your family, friends and about others you could have endan- gered by your actions.

That night changed my life. My mistake hurt my career and my family. I received an Article 15 and my commander punished me by taking a stripe. I was a senior airman with six years in the military. I now am an airman first class. I also was given 30

days extra duty and a reprimand.

It will take me 18 months to put senior airman back on and the loss in pay of \$283.80 a month over the next 18 months will be approximately \$5,108.40. In addition, I lost my driving privileges for a year.

It will be a long hard process to keep my career and family in a positive shape, but I will do every- thing I can to get back on my feet. It took an inci- dent like this for me to really think about my life, my family, and the lives of others on the road. As a member of the Air Force I hear the briefings, I see the AFN (American Forces Network) spots, I read the articles about not drinking and driving, but it took an experience like this to realize that it is sim- ply not worth the risk.

In my situation I simply quit drinking. Be responsible, use common sense, and listen and learn from my experience, and hopefully my story can save your career, and most of all save someone else's and your life.

By Airman 1st Class Johnny Thompson
31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -- On April 27, I got a DUI (driving under the influence charge).

I started my evening by drinking with some peo- ple in the dorms for a going away. I later went to a local club off base for an hour or so and left about 2:30 a.m. It was raining hard and I was halfway home when I ran through a water puddle and my car veered to the right. I overcorrected to the left and my car flipped over three times and ended up on the other side of the road in a field upside down.

All I could think about was my wife and kids. I was trapped inside my car, the power was off, and for a minute I thought my windows were rolled up. I realized the back window on the passenger side was down and I was able to crawl out.

Thanks to God I didn't have a scratch on me. I remember talking to someone who has a friend, who had an accident similar to mine, but he wasn't so lucky. Since I was under the influence of alcohol

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today
The Tuxedo (PG-13)
Starring Jackie Chan and Jason Isaacs. A New York cab driver, Charlie McCoy, is hired to chauffeur a spy named Clark Devlin. However, when Devlin falls into a coma and is hospitalized McCoy goes to his house to gather Devlin’s belongings. Once there, McCoy accidentally discovers a hi-tech, futuristic tuxedo, which he can’t resist trying on. This sets off a series of events, leading to McCoy taking over a covert mission for the U.S. government: to uncover the secret scheme of bottled water broker Diedrich Banning. (Adult situations, language and violence.)

Saturday
Blue Crush (PG-13)
Starring Kate Bosworth and Michelle Rodriguez. Anne Marie works as a hotel maid to pay the bills, but in her free time she eats, drinks and sleeps surfing. She lives on Oahu in a beach shack with her rebellious younger sister and two other roommates. She’s up before dawn every morning to surf and counts the days until the Pipe Masters surf competition, which is traditionally male-dominated. And while she doesn’t let anything come between her and her surfing, when pro quarterback Matt Tollman comes on the scene, she begins to realize there’s more to life than just the waves. (Sexual content and language.)

Sunday
The Tuxedo

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday
Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R)
Comedian Martin Lawrence takes the stage for a stand-up performance in which he covers everything from his childhood to a series of arrests in the mid 1990s, to a near death experience in 1999. (Crude sexual dialogue and pervasive language.)

Thursday
Simone (PG-13)
A disillusioned movie producer’s lead actress abruptly drops out of his film. Unbeknownst to the public, he decides to replace her with computer-generated starlet Simone. Swept up by her instant success, including a major recording career, he cannot bear to admit his fraud to the world or to himself. (Sensuality.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)
Fashion designer Melanie Carmichael has found success and love in New York City, and is engaged to one of the city’s most eligible bachelors. But Melanie has a secret — she was married once before, and her husband, Jake who she left behind when she left Alabama, refuses to divorce her. Melanie is forced to return home to try and change his mind. (Adult situations.)

XXX (PG-13, 10 p.m.)
Xander “XXX” Cage is recruited by NSA Agent Gibbons to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If he refuses, he will be sent to jail. XXX takes the job and travels to Prague, where he helps uncover the plan to use a biological weapon dubbed Silent Night. (Violence, sensuality, drug content and language.)

Saturday
Signs (PG-13)
In Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a five-hundred-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town’s reverend. The circles cause a media frenzy and test Hess’s faith as he journeys to find out the truth behind the crop circles. (Frightening moments.)

XXX (10 p.m.)

Sunday
Sweet Home Alabama

Monday
XXX

Tuesday
Sweet Home Alabama

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Sports Shorts

Sharks take third in meet

By Lisa Larken
Eifel Sharks volunteer

Members of the Eifel Sharks are well on their way to earning a varsity or junior varsity letter for swimming in the European Forces Swim League. In a competition at the Geilenkirchen Orcas home pool Nov. 2, the Sharks competed against the Orcas and Wiesbaden Wahoos. Despite being one of the smallest teams in the league, the Sharks won third place overall and as a team added 90 points to the team roster.

Standout performers were:

■Alexandra Andren who took second place in the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter individual medley and 50-meter breaststroke.

■Alyssa Darden: Won the 100-meter freestyle, 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter backstroke.

■Andrea Eschborn who took fifth place in the 50-meter backstroke.

■Olivia Eschborn who won first place in 100-meter breaststroke. She also took third place in the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke.

■Amber Espinoza who won the 100 meter butterfly and took second place in the 200-meter individual medley. She also took third place in the 100-meter backstroke.

■Kristin Howe who took third place in the 50-meter butterfly, fourth place in the 50-meter backstroke and fifth place in the 100-meter individual medley.

■Sanna O’Sullivan who took third place in the 50-meter breaststroke, sixth place in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter individual medley.

■Rocky Romruen who won the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke.

■Ashley Sandau who took second place in the 100-meter freestyle, third place in the 200-meter individual medley and fifth place in the 100-meter backstroke.

■Aline Villanueva who won the 100-meter breaststroke, took third place in the 100-meter freestyle and took fourth in the 100-meter backstroke.

Youth interested in learning more about swimming or adults interested in coaching for the Eifel Sharks or the Minnows should call Olga Andren at 06562-966812, Tina O’Sullivan at 06563-960742 or Laura Darden at 06561-604768.

Recreational trips

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips in November and December. The minimum age for trips is 12, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility, for more information.

■Kyll River Fun-Yak Trip, Nov. 16. The cost is \$30.

■Indoor climbing wall, Nov. 23. The cost is \$30.

■Sauer River Fall Colors Bike Ride, Nov. 24. The cost is \$25 with bike rental, \$20 with own bike.

■Thanksgiving ski trip, Nov. 27-31. The cost per-person is \$260 for a dorm room, \$300 for quad room and \$330 for a double room.

■Introduction to SCUBA, Dec. 1. The cost is \$30.

■Hike the walled city of Rothenburg, Dec. 7. The cost is \$35.

■Baltic deep-sea fishing, Dec. 14. The cost is \$75 with own gear, \$85 with rented gear.

■Underground quad runners, Dec. 15. The cost is \$55.

Bowling

Eifel Lanes Bowling Center is located in Spangdahlem Air Base building 300. Winter hours are Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, holidays and family days from noon to 9 p.m. Call 452-6217 for more information.

■Teddy bear giveaway, Nov. 1-Dec. 14. Bowlers receive a raffle ticket for each game bowled. The winning ticket will be drawn Dec. 15. The winner receives a 36-inch teddy bear. Participants don’t have to be present to win.

■Color pin bowling, each Friday at 6 p.m. Participants win prizes when they bowl a strike including a colored head pin.

■Glo-bowling, each Saturday at 6 p.m. The center features new lanes and lights.

■Family day, each Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The event features discount games and free shoe rentals.

■Deployed spouses family day, each Monday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Families of deployed military members can bowl for \$1 per game. Call for details.

■League bowlers can practice for only \$1 per game Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bowlers must present a current league card at checkout. Call for details.

Coaches needed

Youth sports seeks volunteer coaches and officials. For information, call Tom Gilbert at 452-7545.

Out and About

(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■A scale model show takes place Sunday in the Bitburg Haus de Jugend. The event features aircraft, car and ship models.

■The annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum takes place Nov. 8-10 at the Trier Landes museum.

■Cochem hosts a Federweissen wine festival Nov. 8-10.

■The Eifel Wanderers volksmarch to Morbach-Bischofsdhron, Germany, takes place Nov. 23. Transportation departs the Bitburg Annex at 3:30 p.m. and from Spangdahlem Air Base at 4 p.m. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail chatterbox@gruenewald.de for more information.

■The German-American Friendship club Thanksgiving luncheon takes place Nov. 24 at

11:30 a.m. in the Spang Club. Cost is \$15 per person. Non-members are encouraged to attend. Reservation deadline is Nov. 18. Call Marlies Wallen at 452-6063 or 06565-955751.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in October. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

■Verdun for Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11. Cost is \$55 for ages 3-12, \$60 for adults.

■Poland shopping express, Nov. 15-16. Cost is \$80 for single-seat, \$110 for double-seat.

■Paris express, Nov. 16. Cost is \$75 for ages 3-17, \$89 for adults.

■Neustadt and Czech flea market shopping, Nov. 23. Cost is \$55 for single-seat or \$85 for double-seat.

■Antwerp express, Nov. 23. Cost is \$35 for ages 3-12, \$40 for adults.

■Oberhausen Mall shopping express, Nov. 29. Cost is \$20 for ages 3-12, \$25 for adults.

AFREP

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When the Air Force made F-16 exterior lighting modifications and added infrared emitting diodes to the night vision imaging system, the modified power supply unit also changed from locally condemnable to expendable. To test and repair the F-16 external lighting system, Chang and Barti created their own test station.

“Now we can fix a \$10,000 power supply system for only about \$59,” said Chang.

Despite their best efforts, some jobs are simply out of the repair team’s league. That’s when they tap into the Air Force’s pool of approved contractors to fix the part. Even when the repair team has to tap into outside help, the ultimate goal is still to save money, said Staff Sgt. Juan Santos, program supply liaison, who calls certified contractors to find the best repair deal.

Although the agency saves the wing money, it’s only one of four of its kind in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. This is because manning numbers throughout the major command aren’t high enough to support the volunteer-manned AFREP shops at each unit, said Faull. Staffing AFREP typically means manning sacrifices for other agencies.

“A good way to look at it is, that here, we can help the whole wing, rather than only our own shop,” said Santos.



German and American children parade through Spangdahlem village during last year's St. Martin's Day parade. Accompanied by their parents, children traditionally walk through their home village carrying colorful handmade lanterns in honor of the compassionate saint. Children also sing songs while marching through the streets.

Iris Reiff

Local communities honor philanthropic saint with paper lantern parades, sweet treats

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

“Saint Martin was a good man ...” is the beginning of a song thousands of children will sing in honor of the saint and as a part of a German cultural tradition taking place this month.

Annual St. Martin’s processions are usually on the evening of Nov. 10, the night before St. Martin’s Day, Nov. 11. Town residents celebrate the goodness of Saint Martin, a French priest who was awarded sainthood for his unselfishness and kindness to humanity.

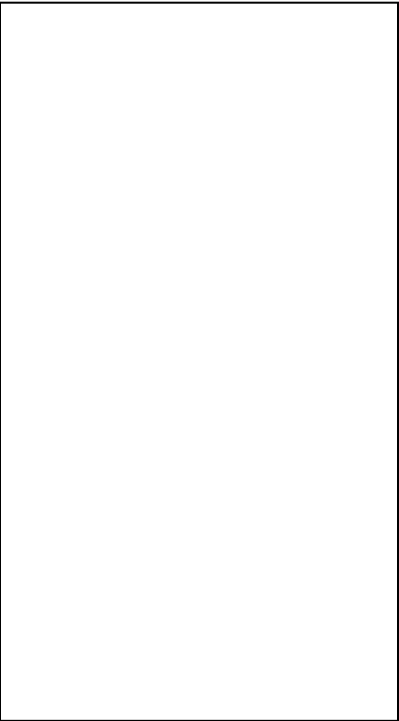
According to legend, Martin was born early in the fourth century as a son of a military soldier of the military administration of the Emperor Constantine in Szombathel, Hungary. Martin led a good Christian life while growing up, and then served his time in the Roman Imperial army.

Although other officers mistreated soldiers and slaves, Martin was kind and distributed to the poor what he could save from his pay. While riding outside the gates of Amiens, he encountered a ragged, freezing beggar who asked him for help, but Martin had already given all his pay to the poor. He drew his sword, cut his tunic in two and gave half to the beggar. On the following night, Christ appeared to Martin and said, “What you have done to the least of my brothers, you have done to me.” Martin felt the Lord’s love and was baptized.

After serving two more years in the army, he retired with full honors. Although Martin was rather modest, his devotion, kindness and fairness were such that his fame spread throughout the country and he was soon appointed as bishop. Martin served as the Bishop of Tours, France, for 25 years until his death at the age of 82.

Local townspeople celebrate St. Martin’s Day with a torch light procession, when children, accompanied by their parents, carry candles or battery-operated lanterns through the town, followed by a band and a St. Martin figure on horseback. In some towns, firemen lead the parade with torches in hand followed by the town band and a St. Martin effigy on horseback clad in the uniform of a Roman legionnaire.

The procession takes place Nov. 11 in most towns, but may be a day earlier or later in some. The colorfully illuminated procession ends with a bonfire. “St. Martin” then asks the children to follow his life’s example and hands each child a large sugar pretzel. The traditional ceremony ends with an opportu-



Iris Reiff

A local child eats a sugar pretzel, which is a traditional German winter treat.

lanterns. Some towns even award prizes for the nicest homemade lanterns.

St. Martin’s Day parades

Saint Martin parades take place at the following locations and times:

- Tonight**
- Bitburg-Masholder Bittenbach/Brueckenstrasse intersection at 6:30 p.m.
 - Bitburg-Moetsch catholic church at 6:30 p.m.
 - Dreis catholic church at 6 p.m.
 - Bitburg-Matzen Gemeindehalle at 7 p.m.
 - Oberstedem catholic church at 6:30 p.m.
 - Buescheid chapel, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

nity to win a goose, the “St. Martin’s Gans.”

Many villages and towns have a little gathering at a town hall following the procession featuring a raffle with prizes. German residents invite their American neighbors to join in any of the local processions. People can ask their landlords or local mayors for details about the date, time and starting point of their town’s St. Martins Day procession.

Participants should dress warmly since it’s usually cold this night. Lanterns are for sale at most German stores now throughout Nov. 11, but many parents help their children in making their own

■Salmtal-Salmrohr Moselstrasse at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Beilingen catholic church at 6:30 p.m.
- Sehlem Bergstrasse at 6:30 p.m.
- Heckenmuenster Haus Schwall at 5:30 p.m.
- Auw community hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Hosten Dorfbrunnen at 6 p.m.
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- Wittlich Stadt park at 6 p.m.
- Preist Elementary School at 5:30 p.m.
- Herforst catholic church at 5:30 p.m.
- The neighboring community of Binsfeld will host a parade at 6 p.m. from the Binsfeld St. George catholic church. A raffle takes place afterward at the local fire station. All children will receive a pretzel and nice prizes will be given away. Tickets can be purchased throughout the village on the day of the event.

Sunday

- Roehl catholic church at 6 p.m.
- Scharfbilling Gemeindehaus at 7 p.m.

Monday

- Seffern Schulhof at 6:30 p.m.
- Minderlittgen Buergerhaus at 6:30 p.m.
- Speicher catholic church at 6 p.m. Monday
- Bitburg town center at 6:30 p.m.

■The neighboring community of Spangdahlem invites base members to the closest St. Martin parade taking place at 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Hillstrasse and Kreuzgarten, in front of the Chinese restaurant. After the parade the Spangdahlem fire department invites all participants with lanterns and torches, especially small children, to receive a sugar pretzel in front of the community hall.

A raffle will follow and people can win a cold coin with a value of 300 euros, travel and food coupons, a fire protection set, a food basket and more. Tickets can be purchased from fire department members as well as local stores and pubs in Spangdahlem village. A limited number of tickets will be available the day of the event prior to the drawing.